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JORGENSEN'S WASHINGTON VISIT

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SUMMARY:THE DANISH PRESS REPORTED THE FACT BUT LITTLE OF
THE SUBSTANCE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON BY
PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN NOVEMBER 12. JORGENSEN WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WERE NO URGENT PROBLEMS BETWEEN
DENMARK AND THE US AND HE FORESAW LITTLE CHANGE IN THE
STATUS OF US BASES IN GREENLAND BROUGHT ABOUT BY HOME RULE TO
BE ACHIEVED IN ABOUT THREE YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1) TODAY, NOVEMBER 13, COPENHAGEN'S TWO MOST PRESTIGIOUS
DAILIES, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE) AND
POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT - LEFT OF CENTER) PROVIDED THE WIDEST
COVERAGE OF ANKER JORGENSEN'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON AND
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THERE YESTERDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

2) ACCORDING TO POLITICKEN, ANKER JORGENSEN TOLD THE PRESS
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THAT THERE WERE NO URGENT PROBLEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR HIS

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD NOVEMBER 13. THE MEETING "EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR A CONTINUED DIALOGUE AT THE TOP LEVEL BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES". JORGENSEN MENTIONED HIS TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AT HELSINKI AND BRUSSELS. HE ALSO OUTLINED DANISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND REFERRED TO QUEEN MARGARET'S VISIT TO THE US IN 1976.

3) UNDER THE HEADLINE "ANKER J. TO FORD: BREATH LIFE INTO THE ECONOMY", BERLINGSKE TIDENDE'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, BENT ALBRECHTSEN, SPECULATED THAT THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER WILL CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FORD IMPRESSIONS HE RECEIVED FROM HIS VISITS TO VENEZUELA AND MEXICO. JORGENSEN WILL ALSO SET OUT THE DANISH POSITION ON A REVISED ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE SEVENTH UN SPECIAL SESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR.

4) BERLINGSKE ALSO EXPECTS JORGENSEN TO URGE THE US TO ADOPT A MORE EXPANSIVE ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH WOULD HAVE DECISIVE EFFECT ON OTHER WESTERN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. ALBRECHTSEN CONTINUED THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL GIVE ANY PROMISES ON NEW US ECONOMIC MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND RECALLED THAT FORD AND TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON HAVE SO FAR REJECTED REQUESTS FROM JAPAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

5) ALBRECHTSEN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT THAT THE DANISH POSITION, WHICH IS SHARED BY MOST OTHER EC COUNTRIES, BE EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FORD GOES TO THIS WEEKEND'S SUMMIT MEETING AT RAMBOUILLET.

6) BERLINGSKE CONCLUDED ITS STORY BY NOTING THAT JORGENSEN MAY BE INFORMED IN WASHINGTON THAT THE US WILL NOT IMPOSE ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON CANNED HAMS FROM THE EC.

7) DANISH RADIO THIS MORNING ALSO REPORTED A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO JORGENSEN TO THE EFFECT THAT HOME RULE IN GREENLAND IN ABOUT THREE YEARS WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO UNCLASSIFIED

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